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COMMITTEES.

ON OBITUARIES—R. C. Jackson.
ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER—H. R. Hayes, J. A. Hodges, C. M. Core and G. B. Strickland.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. A. JOHNSON.....Dunn, N. C.
S. B. THAIN.....Glenmore, N. C.
ROBT. STRICKLAND.....Glenmore, N. C.
J. F. HILL.....Goldsboro, N. C.
LUNDA LEE.....Giles' Mills, N. C.
J. E. SMITH.....Myatt's Mills, N. C.
J. P. OGBURN.....Myatt's Mills, N. C.
W. R. GLOVER.....Little River Academy, N. C.
KENITH REYNOR.....Little River Academy, N. C.
J. S. ELLIS.....Clayton, N. C.
WM. HARRIS.....Dunn, N. C.
WM. L. GODWIN.....Bass, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

J. W. Moore. T. G. Hayes, R. C. Jackson and J. D. Avery.

ORDAINING COUNCIL.

R. A. Johnson, J. P Ogburn and Lunda Lee.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

BETHEL CHURCH, JOHNSTON CO., N. C.,
Friday, October 21st, 1892.

The congregation assembles in the church at 11:15 A M. Elder Hill, who was elected at last Conference to preach the Introductory Sermon, being absent, Elder R. A. Johnson, his alternate, being present, proceeds and preaches the Introductory from Cor. 10: 21.

After an intermission of thirty minutes, the congregation re-assemble, and is called to order by the Moderator, and names enrolled as follows:

OFFICERS.

Lunda Lee, Moderator; B. A. Hodges, Treasurer; H. W. Jernigan, Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

On Obituaries—R. C. Jackson.

On Ministerial Character—H. R. Hayes, J. A. Hodges, C. M. Core and G. B. Strickland.

MINISTERS.

R. A. Johnson, S. B. Thane, Robert Strickland, J. F. Hill (by letter), Lunda Lee, J. E. Smith (by letter), J. P. Ogburn, W. R. Glover, Kenith Reynor, J. S. Ellis, Wm. Harris (by letter), Wm. L. Godwin.

LICENTIATES.

J. W. Moore, T. G. Hayes, R. C. Jackson and J. D. Avery.

DELEGATES.

Prospect—T. R. Fowler and J. L. Byrd.
Hodges' Chapel—W. R. Strickland.
Pleasant Grove—Not Represented.
Long Branch—H. Reynor and L. W. Tart.
Colyer's Chapel—W. P. Colyer and J. Lucas.
Shady Grove—J. E. Wilson, Noel West and H. Godwin.
Stony Run—W. J. Jernigan, Josiah Hudson and N. T. Barefoot.
New Hope—J. B. Jernigan, W. B. Strickland and M. F. Blackmon.
Johnston Union—J. M. Corbett and J. B. Norris.
St. Mary's Grove—W. C. Langdon and B. C. Harper.
Johnson's Chapel—Lemuel Hardee, R. C. Langley and W. H. Barber.
Union Springs—J. N. Gregory, A. W. Dennis and S. H. Davis.
Mt. Pleasant—W. H. Coats and L. H. Jones.
New Prospect—Not Represented.
Wood's Grove—Not Represented.
Friendship—By Letter.
New Chapel—J. H. Wood and J. I. Adams.
Bethel—W. R. Stanley, J. W. M. Stanley and G. W. Keen.
Anderson's Creek—By Letter.
Hopewell—D. C. Johnson, J. W. Alford and Jerry Pope.
Dunn—J. R. Jackson.

Sixty-one members being present, the Conference is duly organized for the transaction of business.

Elder Robert Strickland is called Assistant

Moderator, and A. W. Gregory is called Assistant Secretary.

The Moderator appoints Bros. Robert Strickland, J. M. W. Stanley, G. W. Keen and W. R. Stanley a committee on Religious Exercises.

R. C. Jackson, N. T. Barefoot and W. H. Barber a committee on Finance.

On motion, a committee of one is appointed to ascertain the cause of Elder Griffis' non-attendance at this Conference. Elder J. P. Ogburn is appointed said committee.

On motion, the rules of order are suspended, and petitionary letters are called for.

A letter is received from Lee's Chapel, asking admission, which by motion, was received and the names of her delegates enrolled; M. A. Wilaford, J. R. Sills and W. J. Hawley.

A letter is received from Beasley's Grove, asking admission, which by motion, was received and the names of her delegates enrolled; John I. Reynor and C. H. Tripp.

On motion, Bro. J. D. Avery be enrolled as a licentiate.

Reports from the churches are called for, and church letters read, which were very encouraging.

New prospect—Represents by letter.

Wood's Grove—Not represented.

Pleasant Grove—Not represented.

On motion, the money that was raised to pay the expenses of the delegates to the Eastern Conference, be returned to the respective churches.

On motion, Bro. A. W. Gregory is made a member of the Conference during the session.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach to-morrow at the stand at 10:30 o'clock,

W. R. Glover, followed by J. S. Ellis; at 2 o'clock, Kenith Reynor.

On motion, Conference adjourns till to-morrow morning 9:30. Prayer by Elder R. Strickland.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, October 22nd, 1892.

The Conference is duly opened at 9:30. Religious exercises is conducted by Elder Lunda Lee, who reads 8th chapter of Romans, and leads in prayer.

Roll is called, and fifty-six members answer to their names.

The minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The name of E. T. Phillips, delegate from the Western Conference, is enrolled.

On motion, Elder R. A. Johnson is granted leave of absence until 12 o'clock, M.

Church letter is received from St. Mary's Grove.

On motion, the fines of 10 cents be remitted as they were delegates from the new churches.

On motion, the order of business is suspended, and work resumed under the head of miscellaneous business.

Elder Robert Strickland, who was appointed at last Conference, to demand the credentials of J. T. W. Edwards, reports that he can't find him. Elder Strickland is continued as a committee to demand the credentials.

Petitions for the next Conference are received from Shady Grove and Johnson's Union. Vote taken and decided that the next session be held with the church at Shady Grove, Sampson county, N. C., commencing on Friday before the sec-

ond Sunday in November, 1893.

Elder Robert Strickland is elected to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder R. A. Johnson is elected alternate.

It being 10:30 o'clock, the congregation, with those assigned to the stand, retire for preaching.

Bro. W. H. Kennedy offers his resignation as one of the ordaining council. The resignation is accepted, and Elder Lunda Lee was elected to fill the vacancy.

On motion, the Secretary have 500 copies of the proceedings of this Conference printed and distributed.

On motion, we send 50 copies to the Western Conference.

On motion, the Secretary is allowed $10 for his services in preparing and distributing Minutes.

Bros. R. C. Jackson and H. W. Jernigan are elected delegates to represent this body in the Western Conference, which is to meet with the church at Pleasant Grove, Wayne county, on Thursday before the third Sunday in Oct., 1893.

On motion, the Moderator appointed as proxy for Bro. R. C. Jackson, Elder Wm. L. Godwin, and for H. W. Jernigan, Elder R. A. Johnson.

On motion, the Conference pay the delegates to the Western Conference, $5 each, to pay their expenses, and that each church send in an amount sufficient to raise said amount.

On motion, the report of the Finance Committee is received and committee discharged. (See report).

Committee on Ministerial Character report, and report adopted. (See report).

Elder R. A. Johnson is appointed to wait on

D. J. McLimore, and demand that his name be eraced from his credentials, endorsing them.

Committee on Obituaries fails to make report.

On motion, Bro. N. H. Lucas, owing to inability, is released from that committee, and Bro. J. A. Hodges is appointed to fill the vacancy, the other two committeemen continued.

After an intermission of one hour for dinner, Conference resumes business, under the head of resolutions.

Resolution by Elder Robert Strickland is received for discussion. Resolution adopted. (See resolutions).

Resolution by H. R. Hayes, on motion, is received for discussion. Resolution lost.

Resolution by W. L. Godwin, on motion, is received for discussion. Resolution lost.

Resolution by J. B. Jernigan, on motion, is received for discussion. Resolution lost.

Resolution by M. F. Blackmon, resolution rejected.

Church letter from Pleasant Grove rejected.

Resolution by Lunda Lee, rejected.

On motion, the Treasurer pay to the Secretary $23.33, the amount as per report of Finance Committee.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach to-morrow at 10:30, E. T. Phillips, followed by R. A. Johnson, and Robert Strickland close, which report is received and committee discharged.

On motion a vote of thanks is tendered the people of this vicinity for their kindness during the session.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of to-day are omitted, and the Secretary allowed to make any correction.

On motion, a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to investigate the grievances of W. A. Johnson, in the church at Prospect; he appoints Elder R. A. Johnson, Eld. Robert Strickland and H. W. Jernigan, said committee.

On motion, Conference adjourns to meet at Shady Grove church, on Friday before the second Sunday in November, A. D. 1893, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Closing remarks and prayer by Elder Johnson.

LUNDA LEE,
Moderator.

H. W. JERNIGAN,
Secretary.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

We, the Committee on Ministerial Character, report the following:

We have learned that Elder D. J. McLimore has asked for his name from the church to which he belongs, and we ask this body to demand his credentials.

We know nothing derogatory to the character of any other minister of our Conference.

We ask the co-operation of the church clerks, of the local churches, to aid us in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. STRICKLAND,
J. A. HODGES,
C. M. CORE,
H. R. HAYES,
Committee.

ON FINANCE.

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

We find, in the hands of the Treasurer,

Minute funds for the year 1892 - - -	$21 88
Fines collected, old Treasurer, 1891 -	45
Total - - - - - -	$22 33

R. C. JACKSON,
N. T. BAREFOOT,
W. H. BARBER,
Committee.

RESOLUTION BY ROBERT STRICKLAND.

Resolved, That the time of holding the Annual Conference be changed to Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in November in each year.

ROBERT STRICKLAND.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—1892.

1st. Introductory Sermon.
2d. Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
3d. Organization.
4th. Enrollment of newly ordained Ministers.
5th. Enrollment of Licentiates.
6th. Call for Petitonary Letters.
7th. Appointment of Committees.
8th. Hand of Fellowship to visiting brethren.
9th. Reports from Committees.
10th. Reports from Churches.
11th. Resolutions.
12th. Miscellaneous business.
13th. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference.

ART. 2. The object of this Conference shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

ART. 3. This Conference shall be composed of its own officers, of the ministers who are members of the churches belonging to the body, of delegates from the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates, and one representative from each Board and Standing Committee.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear to the Conference a letter certifying their appointment, showing the condition and statistics of the church, and giving a statement of all funds raised during the year for denominational or other benevolent purposes.

ART. 5. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, who shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. This Conference may, at each regular meeting, elect as many boards or standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each regular meeting of this Conference.

ART. 7. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at a regular session of Conference through delegates appointed for that purpose. If she be received, the Moderator shall extend to her delegates the hand of fellowship.

ART. 8. The Conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ART. 9. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF 1892.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS FOR '92.	For Minutes.	Paid to Pastors.	Sabbath Schools.	Miscellaneous Funds.	Members Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Number of Members	Increase.	Decrease.
Prospect	Harnett	W. R. Glover	$1 00	$30 00	$4 07	$9 05	2	2	1		1	95		
Hodges Chapel	Harnett	Lunda Lee	85	19 45			19		2		2	126	15	
Pleasant Grove	Harnett													
Long Branch	Cumberland	Lunda Lee	1 05	20 00	11 00		28	23			2	100	26	
Shady Grove	Sampson	Lunda Lee	2 00	32 80	6 94	72 33	38	26	4	1		306	33	
Colyer's Chapel	Cumberland	W. R. Glover	1 00	29 50			6	5	3	1		73	2	
Stoney Run	Sampson	R. A. Johnson	1 50	30 00		1 00	13	9	4	6	2	135	1	
New Hope	Johnston	Robert Strickland	2 00	15 30	20 10		9	8	1			75	8	
Johnson's Union,	Johnston	J. S. Ellis	1 50	8 20	3 73	8 00	7	5	3	5	1	75		2
St. Mary's Grove	Johnston	J. S. Ellis	75			18				2		16		2
Johnson's Chap'l,	Johnston	J. S. Ellis	1 25	13 60	3 25		4	4			1	69	3	
Union Springs,	Johnston	J. E. Smith	50	7 50			3	3				30	3	
Mt. Pleasant,	Wake	J. S. Ellis	1 00	6 40			1		1		1	38		2
New Prospect,	Wayne													
Wood's Grove,	Wayne													
Friendship,	Wayne	J. F. Hill	1 58											
New Chapel,	Johnston	Jas. H. Worley	1 00	5 50	4 12		1	1			1	37		
Bethel,	Johnston	Robert Strickland	1 25	6 75		10 10	9	8				61	9	
Anderson Creek,	Harnett	W. R. Glover	75	5 00			3	3				29	3	
Hopewell,	Johnston	R. A. Johnson	1 00	20 00	2 82		5	5	1	1		26	3	
Dunn	Harnett	R. A. Johnson	1 25	12 00	5 00	1 00	8	8				61	8	
Lee Chapel,	Sampson	Lunda Lee	50									45	45	
Beasley Grove,	Johnston	R. Reynor	50									23	23	

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